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On May 19, 2004, the Examiner issued a Notice of Allowance in this matter. However, an information disclosure statement filed by the Applicant on March 17, 2004 was lost by the USPTO and never delivered to the Examiner. After inquiring with the Examiner as to the March 17, 2004 IDS, the undersigned filed a Notice of Inquiry on June 17, 2004. The USPTO was not able to locate the IDS. To avoid abandonment of this application, Applicant filed a Request for Continued Examination and resubmitted the March 17, 2004 IDS on August 18, 2004.

By this Supplemental Amendment, the Applicant has amended claims 1-3 and 7-14 to better claim the invention. Applicant has added claims 19-34 in order to more fully define the invention. Independent claim 19 tracks the overall description of the invention set forth at page 3, lines 7 – 21 of the specification. Thus, "the first application program" of claim 1 corresponds to (but is not limited to) a program such as a word processor (see page 3, line 13). The "second application program" of claim 19 corresponds to (but is not limited to) a program such as a database program (see page 3, line 14). "[C]ommanding a function item" is accomplished, e.g., by singly clicking on it (page 3, lines 10 – 12) or by making a single selection in a menu (page 3, lines 11 – 12). Commanding the function item initiates a program associated with the item for retrieving from the second application program information related to the user-entered information. (page 3, lines 13 – 21). Analysis of the user-entered data is performed without user intervention to extract certain characterizing information to be used in the search. (page 7, lines 13 – 18). In contrast, as noted in our prior Responses in

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this Application, Pandit, U.S. Patent No. 5,859,636, the principal reference cited by the Examiner but subsequently found to be distinguishable, requires the user to specifically mark the text to be used in retrieving related information from the second application program. See, e.g., col. 2, l. 7-8 of Pandit which requires the user to designate the specific text to be used in the retrieval by "shading, underlining or pointing to and clicking on the text."

Independent claims 26 and 33 embody the limitations of claim 19 in the format of a computer-readable medium and electromagnetic signals, respectively.

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